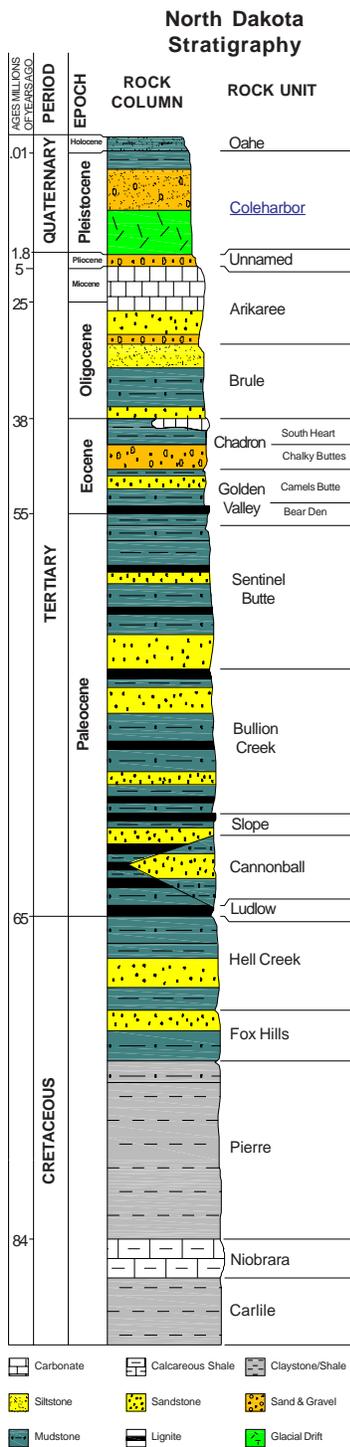


Perca flavescens



Common Name:
Yellow perch

Classification:
Class: Osteichthyes
Order: Perciformes
Family: Percidae



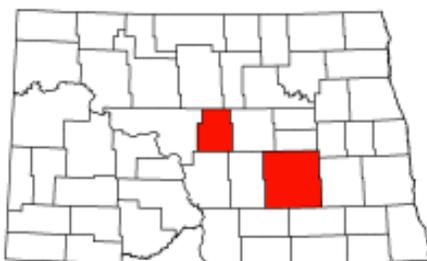
Skeleton of the yellow perch, *Perca flavescens*. McClusky Canal Site, Sheridan County. 12,000 years old. Length 174 mm. University of North Dakota Paleontology Collection.

Description:

Skeletons of the yellow perch, *Perca flavescens*, have been found in 12,000 to 10,000 year old fossil sites in North Dakota indicating that they lived in North Dakota at the end of the last Ice Age. They still live in North Dakota today. Yellow perch grow to lengths of about 10 inches. Yellow perch are today widespread in North America and live in fresh water lakes, ponds, and quiet rivers. They feed on insects, larger invertebrates, and other fish.



Perca flavescens, yellow perch. Image courtesy of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.



Locations where fossils have been found